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Item No. 4a

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(PA2013-044) and (PA2013-043)

From: Nova, Makana

Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 7:52 AM

To: Garciamay, Ruby

Cc: Campbell, James

Subject: FW: To Makana Nova

Ruby,

Please refer to the comments received below for Item No. 4 for Planning Commission on Thursday. Thanks,

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From: Gloria Tomer [<mailto:gtomer@tulsaconnect.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 1:34 AM

To: Nova, Makana

Subject: Fwd: To Makana Nova

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From: Gloria Tomer <gtomer@tulsaconnect.com>

Date: April 17, 2013, 1:27:55 AM PDT

To: Gloria Tomer <gtomer@tulsaconnect.com>

Subject: To Makana Nova

Hello Ms. Nova,

We are latecomers to the discussion of 'sight line' approval by Newport Beach City Offices for

the two properties on Hazel in Corona Del Mar.
We were able to be here for the hearing on April 18 so
I am sending my thoughts just a day ahead, as we just arrived to evaluate the issues.

My husband and I bought the house at 320 Hazel Drive around 2010. It is next door to 316, and 2 doors from 312 Hazel.

Our house was built around 1950. Very little has changed on the outside, and updating has taken place inside, within the original footprint I believe.

We purchased this charming house mainly based on the following factors.

It backs up to a canyon with a flowing creek with abundant wildlife, including hummingbirds, hawks, croaking frogs at night, which we are particularly fond of!

It has a small distant yet Glorious Ocean View!! In fact I've noticed the Real Estate flyer's for our house, as well as the two properties (316, & 312) capitalize heavily on the words OCEAN VIEW.

At night I can hear the surf, And an incredible ocean breeze comes in right where our bed is placed, off the door to the balcony. My husband and I have the most restful sleep due to that sound coupled with the breeze and the croaking frogs.

In the daytime the house is flooded with sunlight.

In short, we Love this house, based on its location, and the physical descriptions I just gave. ALL of those reasons will be abolished with the extension of the sight line of #316, and possibly #312. The sun, the OCEAN VIEW, the breeze, possibly even the frogs, as they were greatly diminished during work on the canyon!

I can't emphasize enough what a negative effect extending those two properties will have on the gestalt of our home. We are from Oklahoma. We do not have an ocean there!! This is our retirement location we chose based on our good fortune of finding THIS house, on THIS street, with THIS view, sights, sounds, and sun exposure.

Clearly, real estate prices are also based on the luxury and rarity of OCEAN VIEW property, such as ours at 320 Hazel. Therefore, with the sight line changes that are proposed, we will lose a large part of our financial investment in just a matter of months of buying our house.

All of our friends and family say 'that sounds so unfair...why would that be allowed to happen?'
I do not have an answer for them.

Sincerely,
Gloria and Mark Tomer